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1. SUMMARY: REF A RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS REGARDING DOCUMENTATION
OF TURK CYPRIOTS FOR VISA PURPOSES. PARAS 2-4 OF THE PRESENT CABLE
DISCUSS PROBLEM OF POLICE CERTIFICATES FOR TURK CYPRIOTS AND FOR
RECENT RESIDENTS OF TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS. IN PARA 4,
EMBASSY COMMENTS ON USE OF REPUBLIC OF TURKEY PASSPORTS BY TURK
CYPRIOTS. END SUMMARY

2. AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, GOC POLICE AUTHORITIES DO ISSUE
POLICE CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS, REGARDLESS OF ETHNIC BACKGROUND,
FOR WHOM THEY HAVE RECORDS WHO RESIDED ANYWHERE IN CYPRUS PRIOR
TO JULY 1974. ISTANBUL IV APPLICANT ALI-RIZA, WHO REPORTEDLY
LIVED IN CYPRUS 1945-66, SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN STANDARD POLICE
CERTIFICATE BY FOLLOWING PROCEDURES IN APPENDIX B. IF ALI-RIZA
HAS ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH GREEK CYPRIOT POLICE,
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EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT AMCONSUL ISTANBUL FORWARD TO US ALI-
RIZA'S APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE AND OTHER SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS PER APPENDIX B. WE WILL REQUEST POLICE CERTIFICATE
FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN NICOSIA.

3. GOC CANNOT ISSUE POLICE CERTIFICATES FOR PERIODS OF RES-

IDENCE IN TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS SUBSEQUENT TO JULY 1974. EMBASSY DOES NOT ACCEPT POLICE CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY POLICE OF "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS (TFSC)" FOR IMMIGRANT VISA PURPOSES SINCE WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE "TFSC" AS LEGAL ENTITY. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, CONSOFF EXAMINES "TFSC" POLICE CERTIFICATES IF SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT, CONSIDERING DOCUMENT SECONDARY EVIDENCE OF GOOD CONDUCT. IMMIGRANT VISA ITSELF CONTAINS STATEMENT BY CONSOFF THAT POLICE CERTIFICATE IS UNOBTAINABLE.

4. POST'S RECENT REVISION OF CYPRUS ENTRY IN APPENDIX B RECOMMENDS THAT POSTS CONTACT EMBASSY NICOSIA FOR ASSISTANCE IF IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANT HAS LIVED IN TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF ISLAND SINCE JULY 1974 AND REQUIRES POLICE CERTIFICATE. AS "TFSC" IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY USG, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR AMERICAN CONSULAR PERSONNEL TO ADVISE VISA APPLICANTS OF PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING "TFSC" DOCUMENTS. EMBASSY'S TURK CYPRIOT EMPLOYEES CAN DISCREETLY VERIFY EXISTENCE OF POLICE RECORD IN TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF ISLAND AND EMBASSY WILL ADVISE POST CONCERNED.

5. REGARDING USE OF TURKISH PASSPORTS BY TURK CYPRIOTS, EMBASSY RECEIVED SEVERAL APPLICANTS IN 1975 IN WHICH APPLICANT PRESENTED REPUBLIC OF TURKEY PASSPORT BEARING NOTATION "VALID FOR FOREIGNERS." EMBASSY QUERIED DEPARTMENT ABOUT ACCEPTABILITY OF THESE PASSPORTS FOR VISA ISSUANCE (REF B), AND DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT GOT WAS NOT RPT NOT COMPETENT TO ISSUE PASSPORTS TO TURK CYPRIOTS REGARDLESS OF NOTATION AS TO NATIONALITY (REF C). ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY OBTAINS PASSPORT WAIVERS WHENEVER TURK CYPRIOT APPLICANT PRESENTS ONE OF FOLLOW-
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ING DOCUMENTS:

(A) TURKISH PASSPORT INDICATING BEARER IS FOREIGNER.
(B) "TFSC" TRAVEL DOCUMENT, OR (C) EXPIRED REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS PASSPORT WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY "TFSC."
MOST TURK CYPRIOT VISA APPLICANTS HERE PRESENT "TFSC" TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OR VALID OR EXPIRED REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS PASSPORT. CONSOFF DOES NOT RECALL ANY APPLICATION IN WHICH BEARER USED TURKISH PASSPORT WITH SPACE FOR NATIONALITY LEFT BLANK.

6. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON CPROBLEMS OF PASSPORTS AND "TFSC" DOCUMENTATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.
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